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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the patent Office Action dated December 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.